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Dear Mr. Davis:

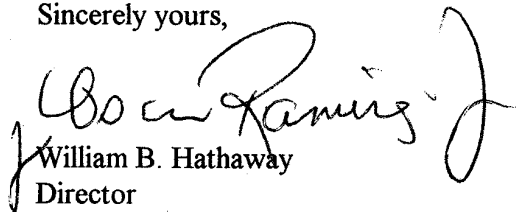
The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is pleased to approve the following TMDLs as updates to work element six of the New Mexico Water Quality Management Plan:

1. Turbidity TMDL for the lower 6.4 miles of the Jemez River
2. Stream bottom deposits TMDL for the lower 6.4 miles of the Jemez River
3. Turbidity TMDL for the lower 2.4 miles of the Rio Guadalupe
4. Stream bottom deposits TMDL for the lower 2.4 miles of the Rio Guadalupe

EPA received the final TMDLs on October 26, 1999, accompanied by your letter dated October 13, 1999. This letter also referenced a total phosphorous TMDL which was not included in your submittal. From communications with your staff we understand that the reference to the total phosphorous TMDL was an error and there was no submittal for total phosphorous. Approval for a total phosphorous TMDL is not included in this letter. We commend your staff for the considerable effort that went into developing and establishing these TMDLs.

Based on our review, detailed in the enclosed document, we conclude that the TMDLs listed above meet the requirements found in Section 303 of the Clean Water Act and the implementing regulations at 40 CFR 130.7. If you would like to discuss these approvals, please contact me or Willie Lane of my staff at (214) 665-8460.

Sincerely yours,



William B. Hathaway

Director

Water Quality Protection Division

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